

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/927,295

Examiner

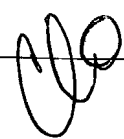
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to after final amendment filed 4/26/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 35-43.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10 August 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 2,4,5
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: **the specific limitations of** "a cartridge frame comprising a linear member having a first attachment portion and second attachment portion spaced apart from the first attachment portion by a second distance wherein the second distance being approximately equal to the first distance between the supply spindle and the take-up spindle" in the combination as claimed in **claim 35**; and **"an elongated member coupling the supply roll and the take-up roll** wherein the take-up roll is being movable relative to the supply roll to separate the first and second apertures by a second distance approximately equal to the first distance while the polishing pad is attached to the supply roll and take-up roll" in the combination as claimed in **claim 40**, are not anticipated or made obvious by the prior art in the examiner's opinion. **For example**, Ohno et al. (5,727,989) disclose a polishing pad cartridge in an apparatus having a supply and take-up spindles spaced apart by first distance, the polishing pad cartridge comprising: a supply roll (33) and take-up roll (34) rotatably coupled to a frame (see figs 3,7); and an elongated polishing pad (2) having a first end attached to the supply roll and a second end attached to the take-up roll. **However**, the art of record considered as a whole, alone or in combination fails to provide or suggest "a cartridge frame comprising a linear member having a first attachment portion and second attachment portion spaced apart from the first attachment portion by a second distance wherein the second distance being approximately equal to the first distance between the supply spindle and the take-up spindle; and **an elongated member coupling the supply roll and the take-up roll** wherein the take-up roll is being movable relative to the supply roll to separate the first and second apertures by a second

distance approximately equal to the first distance while the polishing pad is attached to the supply roll and take-up roll”.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony Ojini whose telephone number is 703 305 3768. The examiner can normally be reached on 7 to 4 Tuesday-Friday with every other Monday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on 703 308 2687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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